



July 16, 2023 9:15AM



Open our hearts and all our senses to receive your Word today, dear Lord.

Song – Agnus Dei

Alleluia, alleluia for the Lord God Almighty reigns!

Alleluia, alleluia for the Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia.

Holy, holy are you, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia for the Lord God Almighty reigns!

Alleluia, alleluia for the Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia.

Holy, holy are you, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.

You are holy, holy are you, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

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Welcome & Announcements

Children's Message

Prayer Time & Lord's Prayer

(Prayer cards are available to share your joys and concerns and may be placed in the prayer box by the door, or you may email them to prayerrequests@stjamesraleigh.org, where they will then be shared with our Prayer Chain.)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Song – Word of God, Speak

I'm finding myself at a loss for words, and the funny thing is, it's okay.

The last thing I need is to be heard, but to hear what You would say.

Word of God, speak. Would You pour down like rain, washing my eyes to see Your majesty, to be still and know that You're in this place?

Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness. Word of God, speak.

I'm finding myself in the midst of You, beyond the music, beyond the noise.

All that I need is to be with You, and in the quiet, I hear Your voice.

Word of God, speak. Would You pour down like rain, washing my eyes to see Your majesty, to be still and know that You're in this place?

Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness.

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Gospel Reading – Matthew 5: 4

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

Message – The Beatitudes: The Gifts in Our Grieving

Pastor Dan Baer

Song – Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain. Holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song to Him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain. Holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song to Him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, Who was, and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings.
You are my everything and I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder,
blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to You, the only wise King.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, Who was, and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings.
You are my everything and I will adore You.

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, at the mention of Your name.
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water, such a marv'lous mystery.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings.
You are my ev'rything, and I will adore you.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings.
You are my ev'rything, and I will adore you.

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Benediction

Sharing Offerings

Out to Discipleship, and Into the World to Serve

Today's Greeters: Scott & Leslie Payne
Today's Sound/PowerPoint Operator: Paulo DeOliveira
Next Week's Greeters: Paulo, Leticia, Victor & Sofia DeOliveira
Next Week's Sound/PowerPoint Operator: Mike Lamar

*We have a nursery available for infants through age 4. An usher will be glad to direct you.
We always welcome children of all ages to join us in worship, and Worship Activity Bags are available at the entrance
if your child would like one.*

*If you are visiting us today, welcome! Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card,
(found on the worship table), and return it to the offering basket or one of the greeters.
Thank you for worshipping with us at St. James today!*

What to know this week...

Calendar this week:

**** Youth ASP Trip to Cabell, WV all week ****

TODAY, 7/16 Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall
Discipleship Hour, 10AM throughout campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
Administrative Council, 4PM in Carson Hall
NA, 7PM in Saints Hall

Mon, 7/17 Clara Swain Circle, 7PM in Room 12

Tues, 7/18 Library Committee, 9AM in the Library
Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office

Wed, 7/19 *Coffee & Conversation, 11:30AM at Anet's Katch, 2900 Village Park Dr., Knightdale
Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in Music Room/Sanctuary

Thurs, 7/20 New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room
Common Thread Band Practice, 7PM in Carson Hall

Sat, 7/22 Produce Assembly, 8:30AM in Carson Hall

Please remember to **keep our ASP youth and their chaperones in your prayers** this week as they travel in mission to Cabell, WV!

The **Coffee & Conversation lunch** for our widows group will be 11:30 am this Wednesday at Anet's Katch, 2009 Village Park Drive, Knightdale, NC. It is located behind the KFC on Knightdale Blvd: turn right off Knightdale Blvd. onto Parkside Commons at Just Tires, drive 1 block and turn left onto Village Park Drive. Anet's Katch will be on your left past Knightdale Medical. Please contact Peggy Biggers (919-632-1212 or biggers11@aol.com) if you plan to attend.

Project Agape is back! We are packing boxes again for children in war-torn Armenia from July 9-August 13. Supplies and shopping lists for boys & girls is available on the display table in the lobby. If you prefer to shop for items to donate rather than pack an entire box, please place your donations in the marked bin. Remember to enclose \$5 in cash or check (payable to St. James) in each box to cover the shipping cost; we will send one check from the church with the boxes. If you have any questions, contact Ed or Kay Smallwood at edandkay.smallwood@gmail.com.

We need you! Please join us Saturday, July 29 at 8am for a church clean-up. Primary focus will be cleaning the kitchen area and weeding the flower beds around the church. Coffee & donuts will be provided; bring your own gloves and water. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/SJWorkday>. Hope to see you there!

5th Sunday Combined Service in 2 weeks! On Sunday, July 30, we will have ONE worship service at 10AM in the Carson Hall parking lot. The Common Thread band will lead the music. Bring your own chair, or grab one of ours! We will have seating in Carson Hall ready in case of inclement weather. Plan to park in the sanctuary or overflow lot and walk over so we will have plenty of available space for worshipping outside together!

Backpack Buddies: Thank you to those who have volunteered for our fall Backpack Buddies team! All slots are currently filled through December on our SignUp, which is fantastic! However, we may still need help packing bags each month; keep an eye on the weekly emails & bulletins to see when your help is needed!

The 14th Stan Whitt Golf Classic, benefitting pancreatic cancer research, will be held at Zebulon Country Club on Saturday, August 26. Registration will begin at 12:00 noon with a shotgun start at 1:00 and lunch to follow. This event is for everyone regardless of skill level and is always a great time of fellowship and fun. Registration forms are available [here](#), in the church lobby or through the weekly email. Contact Milburn Holbrook (919-554-1419) with any questions.